

ITEM Our Souerane Lord, with auiſe of his derreſt Regent, and thre Eſtatis of this preſent Parliament, ratifeis and appreuſ the Act vnderwritin, maid in the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxiiij. day of Auguſt, the zeir of God 1560. zeiris, and of new in this preſent Parliament ſtatutis and ordanis the ſaid Act to be as ane perpetuall Law to all our Souerane Lordis liegis in all tymes cūming, of the quhilk the tennour followis. **THE** quhilk day forſamekill as Almightie God behis maiſt trew and bliſſit word hes declairit the reuerēce and honour quhilk ſuld be geuin vnto him, and be his Sone Ieſus Chriſt hes declairit the trew uſe of the Sacramentis, willing the ſame to be vſit according to his will and word. Be quhilk it is notour and perfyetly knawin, that the Sacramentis of Baptiſme, and of the body and blude of Ieſus Chriſt hes bene in all tymes bypaſt corruptit be the Papiſticall Kirk, and be thair vſurpit Miniſteris. And preſently notwithstanding the reformation alreddy maid according to Goddis word, zit thair is ſum of the ſaid Papis Kirk that ſtubburnely perſeueiris in thair wickit Idolatrie, ſayand Meſſe, Baptiſand conforme to the Papis Kirk, prophanand thairthrow the Sacramentis foirlaidis, in quyet and ſecreit places, thairthrow nouthir regardand God nor his word.

CHAIROIR it is ſtatute and ordanit in this preſent Parliament, that na maner of perſoun or perſounis in ony time cumming adminiſtrat ony of the ſaid Sacramentis foirlaidis ſecreitly, or ony vther maner of way, bot thay that ar admittit, and hauand power to that effect. And that na maner of perſoun or perſounis ſay Meſſe, or zit heir Meſſe, nor be preſent thairat, vnder the pane of confiscatiou of all thair gudis mouabill & vnmouabill, and puniſcheing of thair bodyis at the diſcretioun of the Magiſtrat, within quhais Iuriſdictioun ſic perſounis happinnis to be apprehēdit for the fiſt fault: baniſching of the Realme for the ſecūd fault: and Juſtifying to the deith for the thrid fault. And ordanis all Schir effis, Stewartis, Bailleis, and thair deputis, Proueſtis and Bailleis of Burrowis, and vtheris Iudges quhat ſumeuer within this Realme to tak diligent ſute and inquiſitioun within thair boundis quhair ony ſic vſurpit Miniſterie is vſit, Meſſe ſaying, or thay that beis preſent at the doing thair of, ratifyand and ap preuand the ſamin, tak and apprehend thame, to the effect that the panis abone writtin may be execute vpon thame. And thairfoir of new decernis and ordanis the contraucnaris of the ſamin in ony time heirefter to be puniſt according to the paines of the foirlaid Act abone recheirit.

Anent the trevv and haly Kirk, and of thame that ar declairit not to be of the ſamin. Cap. vi.

OVR Souerane Lord with auiſe and conſent of his thre Eſtatis, and haill body of this preſent Parliament, ratifeis and appreuſ all & quhatſumeuer Actis & ſtatutis maid of befoir be his hienes, with auiſe of his Regentis in his awin Reigne, or his Predeceſſouris, anent the libertie and fredome of the trew Kirk of God and Religioun now preſently profeſſit within this Realme. And ſpecially ratifyis and appreuſ the ſext Act of his hienes Parliament, haldin in the fiſt zeir of his maiſteſt Reigne, Intitulat anent the trew and haly Kirk, and of thame that ar declairit not to be of the ſamin. Ordaning the ſamin to be heir Inſert of new (becauſ of ſum defeſtioun and Informalitie of wordis in default of the Prentar) in this forme. **OVR** Souerane Lord with auiſe of his thre Eſtatis, & haill body of this preſent Parliament, hes declairit and declairis the Miniſters of the bliſſit Euangell of Ieſus Chriſt quhome God of his mercy hes now raiſit vp amangis vs, or heirefter ſall raiſ, aggreing with the that now leuis in doctrine and adminiſtratioun of the Sacramentis, and the pepill of the Realme that profeſſis Chriſt as he is now offerit in his Euangell, and dois communicat with the haly Sacramentis (in the reformat Kirkis of this Realme ar publictly adminiſtrat) according to the confeſſioun of the faith, to be the trew and haly Kirk of Ieſus Chriſt within this Realme, and decernis and declairis that all and ſindry quha outhir gainſayis the word of the Euangell reſſauit and appreuſ, As the heidis of the confeſſioun of the faith profeſſit in Parliament of befoir in the zeir of God 1560. zeiris, as alſwa ſpecifyit & regiſtrat in the Actis of Parliament maid in the fiſt zeir of his hienes Reigne mair particularly dois expreſ, ratifyit alſwa and appreuſ in this preſent Parliament. Or that reſuſis the participatioun of the haly Sacramentis as thay ar now miniſtrat, To be na memberis of the ſaid Kirk within this Realme, & trew Religioun now preſently profeſſit, ſa lang as thay keip thame ſelis ſa deuydit from the ſocietie of Chriſtis body.

Anent thame that suld beir publict office
heirefter. Cap. ix.

ITEM The Kingis grace with auise of my Lord Regent, and thre Estaitis of this present liament, statutis and ordanis that na maner of persoun nor persounis be retsautit times heirefter to beir publict Office remouabill of Iudgement within this Realme bot sic as the puritie of Religioun, and dhetrine now presently establischt. And that nane be permittit to cutte, nor admittit Notar, or creat ane member of Court in any time cumming without he in lyk profes the Euangell, and Religioun foirsaid. ¶ Prouyding alwayis that this Act be on na wayis dit to ony maner of persoun or persounis hauand thair Offices heritabill or in liferent, bot that may vse the samin conforme to thair Insestmentis, and dispositiounis grantit to thame thair of.

That the aduersaris of Christis Euangell fall not enio
the Patrimonie of the Kirk. Cap. iii.